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The tidal wave followed the gale and storm which has been sweeping the coast for several days. The wave was dying away and the people were beginning to think their troubles were over. There was no chance to escape as the wall of water burst upon the little villages along the coast and swept everything before it.

"My God! it was terrible," exclaimed one of the refugees who arrived here today. "Just as the poor people tried to bring order out of chaos following the terrible storm the tidal wave came and swept them away. I saw many corpses that I thought for a time I was the only survivor."

Houma was reached by telephone today and the information revealed a terrible condition. The coastline for 15 miles was swept by the tidal wave and in some places the angry waters rushed into the inland for a distance of two miles. As the waters rushed into the little hamlets along the coast there was no chance for the escape of the inhabitants. The wave rose suddenly as one eye-witness described it. "Like it shot up out of the ground, and

HEALTH BOARD CLOSING PLANT OF BY-PRODUCTS CO.

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Order Takes Effect at 6 O'clock Tonight and Follows Emphatic Protest of East Side Property Owners.

Subsequent to the big indignation meeting held in the city hall, last night against the plant of the Bridgeport By-Products Co., the Board of Health voted to-day to order the Bridgeport By-Products Co. to stop using the reduction plant in Asylum street until it is placed in a sanitary condition. The order will go into effect at 6 o'clock to-night and to-morrow the company will be obliged to bury garbage in the town dump until such time as it puts its plant in a condition that the health board deems adequate and sanitary.

Health Commissioner Geo. T. Kelly said this morning the health board knows where it stands in this matter. It has a daily record of the condition of the plant and the happenings there so that it knows what is talking about. The company is up against it if it endeavors to make the claim that the garbage is being reduced in a sanitary manner. I think that President Livingston realizes this from the manner that our order was received. In the first place the plant is not large enough for the large amount of material that has been brought there for the company to dispose of. We certainly had to pay some attention to the matter. The company has been against the place.

The company recently lost its plant through the foreclosure of a mortgage by Cleveland people, believed to be friendly to the company. The company has been operating the plant through an arrangement with the new owner.

Regarding the interview with Matheson, Commander Peary's colored cook and companion in which he stated that he had talked with the Eskimos of Etah and they had said that Cook was never out of sight of land, Dr. Cook said he was not surprised as the Eskimos in this were adhering to his junction to them, namely, that they do not make public the fact of his discovery, but to give the impression that he had not gone far north. Asked whether he would be willing to meet Commander Peary personally Dr. Cook replied:

"That's rather personal and I don't know as I care to answer the question. However I have no feeling of bitterness against Mr. Peary. The only thing I will say about him now is that he is not the judge of my affairs and my proofs will go to a higher court than he."

Dr. Cook repeated that his data, when finally, whipped into shape, would be sent to the University of Copenhagen, as the Danish government was the first to officially recognize the correctness of his claims.

Dr. Cook received a delegation of newspapermen to-day at the Waldorf Astoria, where he is stopping temporarily with his family. Despite the strenuous day he put in yesterday he appeared before the reporters smiling and evidently in fine spirits. His talk to the newspapermen was large a re-creation of former days.

"I never said that there was a great difference in the horizon at the Pole," the doctor said. "There is a slight difference but it would take me thousands of words to describe it. Pritchard, the cabin boy on the Roosevelt, did not hear the whole story of the discovery. He heard part of it and in a letter to his mother. This letter was sent to me and I made him cut out the reference to my discovery, because the letter would lead to civilization two months before I could."

Dr. Cook did not see any remains of other expeditions, because I went far to the west of the routes of any previous ones.

"My plans for the future are to remain right here and have a good time. I am through with exploration and I do not intend to go any more. I have said before, I will leave that to Scotland Shackleton."

"I have received a number of offers for lectures and a great number of messages but these I will not discuss."

Dr. Cook will be the guest of honor at a banquet by the Arctic Club of America to-morrow night.

Commander Peary left Sydney, N.S., at 7 o'clock this morning for Portland, from which port he will go to his home at Eagle Island. He will prepare the whole island and will therefore be free from the rest of the world with his family for a day or two. While he is here he will prepare the statement of his side of the Cook controversy.

It is believed from a statement he made at Sydney, that he will not wait to submit his data to the Geological societies. He intended that he intended to discharge his artillery at once. "What I have to say will be said soon," he declared. He announced that he would accept no invitations until the present controversy is settled by competent authorities.

Whitney Letter
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Fishkill Landing, N. Y., Sept. 22.—William Blodgett, who married a sister of Harry Whitney to-day branded as a fake the out of the whole cloth letter published in New York newspapers this morning purporting to have been received from Whitney by his stepmother in New Haven in September and given out by Mrs. Blodgett yesterday.

The letter published in New York to-day, Whitney is said to have written his stepmother that he met Dr. Cook at Etah, that Cook had told him of his discovery of the Pole and that he believed him.

Blodgett declares such a letter was a fake pure and simple. He said the family had received a letter written by Whitney from Etah, but that this letter had been given to the United Press on September 15 and that in it Whitney merely declared he had met Dr. Cook at Etah but made absolutely no reference to the discovery of the Pole by Cook. He declared the newspaper had taken this letter.

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